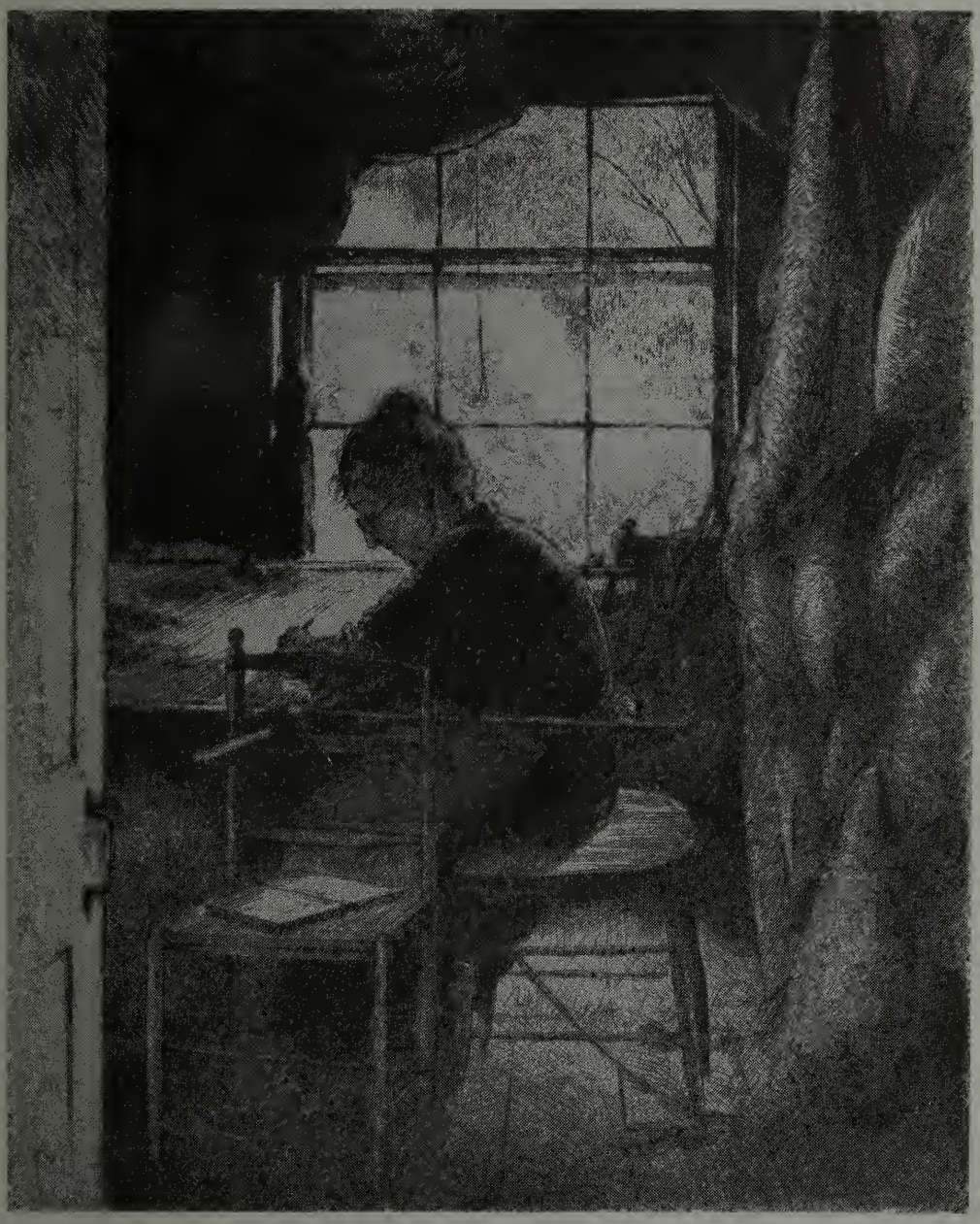
THE TOWN OFFICERS
AND
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS
MAKE THEIR
ANNUAL REPORT



TOWN OF MASON
NEW HAMPSHIRE

For The Year Ending

DECEMBER 31, 1951

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF

Town Officers and School District Officers

For Year Ending December 31,

1951

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GEORGIANNA SLUMAN

1849 - 1932

To the average person who might have occasion to read the foregoing, it merely designates the life-span of one person. However, to the ones who had the privilege of knowing "Aunt Georgie" Sluman, it signifies a period in this town's history when her personality was reflected in so many of its civic activities.

It is frequently recalled by the people who were youngsters in our schools during this period, how she was a source of abundant and reliable information concerning the local current, and past history of the time. She always welcomed the youngsters with assignments for compositions to prepare, and they drew more than ample material from her reservoir of information.

The cover illustration is a reproduction of an original drawing by C. W. Anderson showing "Aunt Georgie" pursuing the art of making hooked rugs, at which craft she showed outstanding ability. This useful hobby is a very popular one at the present time.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to Messrs. C. W. Anderson for the use of the drawing; Francis J. Coyne for his fine work in producing the Cover design; Harry S. Sluman and Toivo Kivimaki for their assistance in preparing this brief history.

TOWN OFFICERS

MODERATOR

Toivo K. Kivimaki

CLERK and TREASURER

Dorothy B. Whitaker

SELECTMEN

Frederick M. Gibbs	Term expires 1952
Carl V. Valyou	Term expires 1953
Robert R. Trempe	Term expires 1954

TAX COLLECTOR

Herman O. Schulze

AUDITOR

Toivo K. Kivimaki

HIGHWAY AGENT

Harold C. Miller

SUPERVISORS OF CHECK LIST

Alice B. Dimock Harold C. Miller Guy F. Washburn

BALLOT CLERKS

Thelma W. Martin	Lillian Valyou
Delmore P. Noble	Mildred Wharff

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

C. W. Anderson	Term expires 1952
Gertrude F. Houghton	Term expires 1953
Lena M. Miller	Term expires 1954

LIBRARIAN

Thelma W. Martin

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Conray G. Wharff	Term expires 1952
Francis J. Coyne (resigned)	Term expires 1953
Harold E. Elliott (resigned)	Term expires 1954

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERIES

Alfred M. Spear	Term expires 1952
Conray G. Wharff	Term expires 1953
Franklin Boyle	Term expires 1954

CHIEF OF POLICE

Carl V. Valyou

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Frederick N. Martin Irving M. Spear

LOCAL DIRECTOR OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Harry S. Sluman—Appointed

FIRE WARDEN

Carl V. Valyou

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

James Bell Curtis V. Dunn
Loren Brown Harold C. Miller
G. Porter Washburn

HEALTH OFFICER

Conray G. Wharff

JANITOR

Conray G. Wharff

SEXTON

Conray G. Wharff

TREE WARDEN

Richard J. Lord—Appointed

TOWN WARRANT

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Mason on Tuesday, the eleventh day of March next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

3. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for 3 years.
   To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for 2 years.
   To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for 1 year.

4. To choose one Trustee of Cemeteries for 3 years.

5. To choose one Library Trustee for 3 years.

6. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Library purposes.

7. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges.

8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $592.00 for Town Road Aid, in order to obtain State Aid for maintenance, construction and re-construction of Class V highways in the amount of $3,946.64.

9. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for care of Cemeteries.

10. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day purposes.

11. To see if the voters will authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow a sum, or sums, not exceeding in the aggregate $10,000.00 in anticipation of the collection of taxes for the current municipal year, and to issue in the name, and on the credit of the Town negotiable notes therefore, said notes to be repaid during the current municipal year from taxes collected within the current year.

12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lighting.

13. To see if the Town will vote a discount on whole, or partial payments of taxes, and fix the date of payment of same, or take any action relating thereto.

14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure employees of the Town, or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of $400.00 to be spent in co-operation with the State Forestry Department for the control of White Pine Blister Rust.

16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell Real Estate bought by the Town at Tax Sale, provided they sell it to the last former owner, and provided

that the sale price is sufficient to reimburse the Town for the taxes and for all expense to which it has been put, or take any action relating thereto.

17. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell Real Estate owned by the Town at prices which, in their judgment, are fair and equitable; or take any action relating thereto.

18. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

19. To see if the town will vote to amend the vote taken at the town meeting held on September 17, 1856, under Article 2, by striking out from said vote the words "5 and 15" and inserting in place thereof the words "6 and 16", so that said vote as amended would read, "At a legal town meeting, holden September 17th, 1856, Article 2d, it was voted, To receive of John Boynton, Esq., of Templeton, Mass., the sum of ten thousand dollars in money, or in securities for the payment of money, upon the following conditions, viz: That the same shall forever be known as "The Boynton Common School Fund," and that the interest or income thereof shall annually forever be applied by said town of Mason, to the support of district or public schools in said town, in proportion to the number of scholars in such districts or schools, between the ages of six and sixteen years. And whenever the said town shall fail so to apply the interest or income of said money annually, in addition to the sum that shall be required to be raised by law by said town, for the support of district or public schools, the said town shall repay the same sum of ten thousand dollars to the said John Boynton, his executors, administrators, or assigns." And to also au-

thorize the selectmen and school board to introduce at the next session of the General Court a bill to amend Chapter 1986, Section 2, Laws of 1857, making the same changes as above or take any action relating thereto.

20. To see if the Town will vote to adopt a plan of extending to employees of the town the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $55.00 to defray the town's share of the cost thereof.

21. If the foregoing article is adopted, to see if the town will authorize the selectmen to execute on behalf of the town the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the town will designate the Town Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $200 for the construction of a trailer for transporting the town Bull Dozer, or take any action relating thereto.

23. To see if the Town will vote to have the shade trees on Town Property sprayed as a protective measure against Dutch Elm disease, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of $31.00 for the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire, or will take any action relating thereto.

25. To see if the Town will vote to observe, during

the month of August, 1952, the Anniversary of Old Home Week, and raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

26. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of a Medical Doctor to act as Chairman of the Town Board of Health, and raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for his services.

27. To see if the town will vote to amend the Rules for Town Meetings adopted at the town meeting of 1932, and amended in 1933, as follows:

A. Strike out Rule 3, and insert in place thereof the following:

"3—Polls shall be open at 10.00 A. M. on Town Meeting day, voting to be conducted in the manner prescribed by Chapter 34, Revised Laws where applicable. The Polls shall be closed not earlier than 3.00 P. M. provided all voters present have had an opportunity to vote."

B. Strike out Rule 4, and insert in place thereof the following:

"4—In case of a tie vote at any election held hereunder the tie shall be determined by lot by the Town Clerk in the presence of the Candidates who are tied if, upon notice from said Town Clerk, they elect to be present. (Chap. 34, Sec. 120, Revised Laws.)"

C. Strike out Rule 5, and insert in place thereof the following:

"5—At 7.00 P. M. the meeting shall convene to

take up consideration of the articles in the warrant."

D. Strike out Rule 11.,

Or take any action relating thereto.

28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Trustees to accept contributions intended for perpetual care of cemetery lots, when offered to them, provided that said sums are approved by said Cemetery Trustees, or take any action relating thereto.

29. To see if the town will vote to accept from Miss Ina B. Maxwell the sum of $200.00 for the perpetual care of the Maxwell cemetery lot, or take any action relating thereto.

30. To see of the Town will vote to accept from Edward Scripture the sum of $200.00 for the perpetual care of the Scripture cemetery lot, or take any action relating thereto.

31. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, and Officers here-to-fore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

32. To see if the town will vote to have the unexpended balance of our 1951 Special Appropriations, and the Tax Title Sale i. e.: "14 acre Farrer lot to Raymond Akerman," moneys returned to the General Fund, or take any action relating thereto.

Note: Since this copy of the Town Warrant is required by the Printer at an earlier date than the legal Town Warrant Posting date, it is not necessarily complete, and so therefore, the Posted Town Warrant may con-

tain additional articles which are not included in this publication.

Given under our hands and seal, this 16th day of February (Town Warrant Posting Date February 25th) in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and fifty-two.

CARL V. VALYOU,
FREDERICK M. GIBBS
ROBERT R. TREMPE
Selectmen of Mason.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CARL V. VALYOU
FREDERICK M. GIBBS
ROBERT R. TREMPE
Selectmen of Mason.

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, land and buildings	$8000.00
Furniture and equipment	1000.00
Library furniture and equipment	1000.00
Fire Department equipment	350.00
Highway Department, land and buildings	450.00
Equipment (includes Town Tractor)	5900.00
Common	500.00
School, land and buildings	8000.00
School equipment	1000.00

Land and Buildings:

8 Acres, Hall land	50.00
20 Acres, Walter Robins lot	80.00
12 Acres, Henry Barrett lot	50.00
5 Acres, Shattuck lot	20.00
150 Acres, Upton pasture	600.00
125 Acres, Mitchell pasture	500.00
15 Acres, Part Farwell Farm	60.00
180 Acres, Part of S. M. Barrett place	750.00
50 Acres, Part of S. M. Barrett place	350.00
51 Acres, Craig lot	215.00
15 Acres, Russell land	60.00
30 Acres, Perley Pierce lot	120.00
17 Acres, Coburn lot	68.00
54 Acres, Walter Fessenden lot	216.00
11 Acres, Hall lot	44.00
22 Acres, Lucy J. Lawrence lot	100.00
	$29,483.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE
WITH ESTIMATED AND ACTUAL REVENUE, APPROPRIA-
1, 1951, to DECEMBER 31, 1951.

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Estimated Revenue Previous Year 1951	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1951	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1952
FROM STATE:			
Interest and Dividends Tax	722.00	722.00	722.00
Railroad Tax	170.00	185.36	185.36
Savings Bank Tax	200.00	143.96	143.96
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal forest lands	56.28	59.43	59.43
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,624.79	2,421.07	2,421.07
From Local Sources Except Taxes:			
Dog Licenses	133.00	147.00	147.00
Rent of Town Hall and Other Buildings	50.00	78.00	75.00
Interest Received on Taxes and Deposits	60.74	67.32	67.32
Income of Departments: (a) Highway, including rental of equipment	100.00	192.50	100.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	800.00	949.04	949.00
Head Tax Reimbursement		3.72	3.72
Cash Surplus	2,824.91	2,824.91	3,000.00

OF MASON, N. H.

ENSUING YEAR JAN. 1, 1952, to DEC. 31, 1952, COMPARED
TIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE PREVIOUS YEAR JAN.

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Appropriations Previous Year 1951	Actual Expenditures Previous Year 1951	Estimated Expenditures Ensuing Year 1952
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENDITURES:			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:			
Town Officers' Salaries	1,500.00	1,223.60	1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00	698.58	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00	14.50	250.00
Expenses Town Hall and other Town Buildings	700.00	682.91	600.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:			
Police Department	100.00	210.80	100.00
Fire Department	150.00	128.53	150.00
Moth Extermination—Blister Rust			400.00
Insurance (Workmen's)	250.00	218.27	250.00
HEALTH:			
Health Department			50.00
Vital Statistics	10.00	13.75	14.00
Town Dump	75.00		75.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:			
Town Maintenace—Summer	2,000.00	1,976.36	2,000.00
Town Maintenance—Winter	2,000.00	1,751.50	2,000.00
Street Lighting	126.00	126.00	126.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00	454.35	500.00
Town Road Aid	592.09	592.09	592.00
Water Works Construction from School to Town Hall	150.00	148.93	
New Equipment	550.00	425.00	200.00
LIBRARIES	150.00		150.00

From Local Taxes Other Than Property Taxes:			
Poll Taxes—Regular @ $2	246.00	254.00	254.00
TOTAL REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROPERTY TAXES	7,987.72	8,048.31	8,127.86
AMT. TO BE RAISED BY PROP. TAXES			19.072.74
TOTAL REVENUES			27,200.60

PUBLIC WELFARE:			
Town Poor	150.00		150.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00	540.07	500.00
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:			
Memorial Day and Veterans' Associations	25.00	25.00	50.00
Aid to Soldiers & their Families	500.00		500.00
RECREATION:			
Parks and Playground	150.00	62.87	150.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:			
Cemeteries	200.00	198.00	200.00
UNCLASSIFIED:			
Advertising and Regional Assoc.	30.00	30.00	31.00
Employees' Retirement (Fed. S.S.)			55.00
INTEREST:			
On Temporary Loans	100.00	16.90	100.00
On Long Term Notes	71.80	71.80	51.80
PAYMENT ON PRINCIPAL OF DEBT:			
Long Term Notes	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:			
County Taxes	2,089.89	2,089.89	2,000.00
School Taxes	11,249.85	4,000.00	12,755.86
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	25,669.63	16,699.70	27,200.60

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES*

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	Receipts & Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balance	Overdrafts
Town Officers Salaries	$1,500.00		1,500.00	1,223.60	276.40	
Town Officers Expenses	700.00		700.00	698.58	1.42	
Election and Registration Expense	50.00		50.00	14.50	35.50	
Town Hall and Buildings	700.00		700.00	682.91	17.09	
Police Department	100.00		100.00	210.80		(a)110.80
Fire Department	150.00	42.17	192.17	128.53	63.64	
Town Dump	75.00		75.00		75.00(b)	
Vital Statistics	10.00		10.00	13.75		3.75
Town Road Aid	592.09		592.09	592.09		
Town Road Maintenance						
Summer	2,000.00	2,652.60(c)	4,652.60	4,628.96	23.64	
Winter	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,751.50	248.50	
Workmen's Insurance	250.00		250.00	218.27	31.73	
Street Lighting	126.00		126.00	126.00		
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	500.00		500.00	454.35	45.65	
New Equipment (Power Road Sander)	550.00		550.00	425.00	125.00	
Libraries	150.00		150.00		150.00(b)	
Old Age Assistance	500.00		500.00	540.07		40.07
Town Poor	150.00		150.00		150.00	
Memorial Day	25.00	3.00(d)	28.00	28.00		
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00		150.00	62.87	87.13	
Water Line from School to Town Hall	150.00		150.00	148.93	1.07	
Cemeteries	200.00		200.00	198.00	2.00	

Soldiers' Aid	500.00		500.00		500.00	
Advertising, Mon. Reg. Ass'n	30.00		30.00	30.00		
Interest	171.80		171.80	88.70	83.10	
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00		
County Tax	2,089.89		2,089.89	2,089.89		
	$14,419.78	2,697.77	17,117.55	15,355.30	1,916.87	154.62

*Does not include School Appropriation

a Cost of $159.00 due the Town by the Jewett Estate, account Policing Plane Crash

b Paid after December 31st, 1951

c Class V State Aid

d $3.00 received from Worcester Polytechnic Inst. for Boynton Memorial Decoration

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

Lands and Buildings		$287,901.00	
2 Electric Plants		32,188.00	
8 Horses		900.00	
48 Cows		7,800.00	
7 Goats		70.00	
1 Hog		25.00	
4,790 Fowls		5,592.00	
6 Fur-Bearing Animals		30.00	
2 Portable Mills		300.00	
Lumber		200.00	
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks:			
5 Portable	$125.00		
5 Fixed	850.00		
		975.00	
Stock in trade		400.00	
Mills and Machinery		250.00	
Total Gross Valuation			$336,631.00
Soldiers' Exemptions			24,176.00
Net Valuation on which tax rate is computed			$312,455.00

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

APPROPRIATIONS:

Town Officers' Salaries	$1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00
Town Hall and Buildings	700.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Town Dump	75.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Road Aid	592.09
Town Road Maintenance:	
Summer	2,000.00
Winter	2,000.00
Workmen's Insurance	250.00
Street Lighting	126.00
General Expenses of Highway Department	500.00
New Equipment (Power Road-Sander)	550.00
Libraries	150.00

Old Age Assistance	500.00	
Town Poor	150.00	
Memorial Day and Veteran's Associations	25.00	
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00	
Water line from School to Town Hall	150.00	
Cemeteries	200.00	
Soldiers' Aid	500.00	
Advertising and Regional Associations	30.00	
Interests	171.80	
Payments on Principal of Debt	1,000.00	
County Tax	2,089.89	
School Tax (Final Figure set by N. H. Tax Comm.)	11,249.85	
Total Town and School Appropriations		$25,669.63

Less: ESTIMATED REVENUES AND CREDITS

Interest and Dividend Tax	$ 722.00	
Railroad Tax	170.00	
Savings Bank Tax	200.00	
Reimbursement a/c State and Federal Lands	56.28	
Reimbursement a/c Exemption of Growing Wood and Timber	2,624.79	
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	800.00	
Dog Licenses	133.00	
Rent of Town Property	150.00	
Interest Received on Taxes	60.74	
Cash Surplus	2,824.91	
Total Revenues and Credits		$7,741.72
		17,927.91
Plus Overlay		128.03
Net Amount to be raised by taxation		18,055.94
Less 123 Poll Taxes @ $2.00		246.00
Amount to be raised by Property Taxes on which Tax Rate is figured		$17,809.94

Tax Rate approved by Tax Commission
$5.70 per $100.00 of Valuation.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF MASON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1951

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.
February 15, 1952

CARL V. VALYOU,
FREDERICK M. GIBBS,
ROBERT R. TREMPE,
Selectmen

DOROTHY BLAKE WHITAKER, Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash in hands of treasurer		$ 7,473.27
Accounts due to the Town:		
Reimbursement a/c Timber Tax Law		2,421.07
Reimbursement a/c Bounties on Porcupines		9.50
Unredeemed Taxes (from Tax Sale on account of)		
Levy of 1950	209.06	
Levy of 1949	60.65	
	$	269.71

Uncollected Taxes:		
Levy of 1951	2,338.78	
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1951	140.00	
		$ 2,478.78
Total Assets		$ 12,652.33

LIABILITIES

Bills outstanding—	
(Libraries $150.00—Town Dump $75.00)	$ 225.00
Due to State—	
State Head Taxes—1951 $775.50 less 2% ($15.51) (Uncollected $140.00) (Collected —not remitted to State Treas. $759.99)	899.99
Due Severance Tax Adjustment and Poll Tax Refund	100.30
Due to Cemetery Trustees—Trust Fund	200.00
Due to School Districts: Balance of Appropriation	7,249.85
Long Term Notes Outstanding—	
Tractor Note	2,590.00
Total Liabilities	$ 11,265.14
Excess of assets over liabilities (Surplus)	1,387.19
	$ 12,652.33

STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT

Showing Annual Maturities of
Outstanding Long Term Notes:
Tractor, Serial Notes 1948 @ 2%

Original Amount $6,590.00

MATURITIES

1952	—	$1,000.00
1953	—	$1,000.00
1954	—	$ 590.00
Total		$3,590.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Dogs:			
Number of Taxes submitted for collection	69		
Taxes collected	63	$147.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer			$147.00
Auto Permits:			
1950 Auto Permits		11.54	
1951 Auto Permits		937.50	
Paid to Town Treasurer			949.04
Filing Fees:		2.50	
Paid to Town Treasurer			2.50

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY BLAKE WHITAKER,
Town Clerk.

State of New Hampshire

Governor's Highway Safety Conference

Certificate of Merit

This is to Certify that THE TOWN OF MASON

ATTAINED AN ENVIABLE SAFETY RECORD THROUGH THE . . . . .

REDUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF REPORTABLE TRAFFIC . . . . .

ACCIDENTS AND HAVING COMPLETED THE YEAR 1951 . . . . .

WITHOUT A SINGLE MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY DEATH . . . . .

This award is made in recognition of your contribution to Highway Safety within our State.

Presented this . . 31st . . . . . day of DECEMBER 1951

Sherman Adams,
Governor

Frederick N. Clarke,
Commissioner of Motor Vehicles

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NEW ENGLAND

MAINE » NEW HAMPSHIRE » VERMONT
MASSACHUSETTS » RHODE ISLAND » CONNECTICUT

CERTIFICATE
of
COMMENDATION

awarded to the

Town of Mason

in recognition of its high standards of informing citizens and taxpayers about municipal activities and of providing them an effective basis to appraise the value of services furnished by local officials, elective and appointive, as displayed in their official

Town Report

competing in the

1951

NEW ENGLAND MUNICIPAL REPORT COMPETITION
of the
NEW ENGLAND COUNCIL

President

Chairman Community Development Committee

UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

September 25, 1951

Bureau of

GOVERNMENT RESEARCH

Mr. Carl V. Valyou

Chairman of Selectmen

Mason, New Hampshire

Dear Mr. Valyou,

It is with pleasure that we tell you that Mason was awarded first place in its class at the 1950 New Hampshire Municipal Report Contest held in Concord, yesterday, Septermer 24.

The judges for the contest were, Mr. Harold G. Fowler, Director of the Municipal Accounting Division, State Tax Commission, Miss Mary Louise Hancock, Reference Librarian for the State Planning and Development Commission and Mr. Barry Mines, Executive Secretary of the New Hampshire Federation of Taxpayers Associations.

We would appreciate receiving three additional copies of your 1950 town report so that we may enter it in the New England contest, sponsored by the New England Council. Since the New England Council has asked us to forward our entries as near to October 1, as possible, it would be appreciated if you could send us the three copies of your 1950 report at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

George H. Deming

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

At the time of our last Town Meeting, there was a proposed State Aid (to Schools) Bill before the New Hampshire Legislature that—in the event of its passage—would provide Mason with $1,743.75.

However, while the State Department of Education's Budget was going through its "slenderizing" routine, someone along the line added something "new" to the Bill which disqualified our Town from receiving State Aid to Schools.

This news was most disturbing, since in the face of an increased school budget, over the previous year—when we received $3,465.56 for School Aid—we must necessarily increase our tax rate.

That something "new" is found in the following account of our Adjusted Valuation of Properties, as explained by the State Department of Education:

Net assessed valuation	$308,628.00
Tax Commission's increase (permitted by law to produce an Equalized Valuation)	95,639.00
5-year average of growing wood and timber, (another part of the law)	46,049.00
Poll Taxes	314.00
* $2,708.03 Capitalized at rate of 4.31%	62,831.00
Total Adjusted Valuation	$513,461.00

*) This figure of $2,708.03 is arrived at from income itemized as follows:

Interest on taxes	$108.75	
Railroad tax	184.49	
Savings Bank tax	178.43	
Interest and dividend tax	655.30	
Dog licenses	125.40	
Motor vehicle permits	843.33	
Rent of town properties	50.00	
School Trust Fund income	559.33	
		$ 2,708.03

The Timber Tax law is interpreted to mean that $46,049.00 has been removed (by law) from our town valuation, and may not be used for taxation purposes.

The other income items from taxes, trust funds, etc., we have always understood were also non-taxable items.

However, it seems that this "Potential" valuation may be legally used to build up our town's valuation (by $109,-194.00) to what is termed an "Adjusted" valuation, which disqualified us from receiving State Aid to Schools. And, this loss must be compensated by an increase in our local tax rate.

We are not in a position to question the legality of the foregoing valuation "maneuver." However, we are "sho-nuf" impressed by the manner in which State and National Politics can affect our local "small town" affairs.

Our Town Hall:—

While we can view with pride our newly painted building, and enjoy a cleaner atmosphere within our Hall, we must not overlook the need for a new stage settings, curtains, etc.

And, of course, our little "ell" is still with us to cause

us some embarrassment at Town Hall functions. Or should we just accept it as a bit "provincialism" maintained to remind us of the earthly way in which we are all created equal?

Our Town Report:—

You may be pleased to notice that we are making every effort to maintain a publication that will meet the standards established by our predecessors, Messrs. Francis Coyne, Ronald Harry, and Curtis V. Dunn, to merit the State and New England Awards.

Incidentally, there are still a few copies of the 1949 and 1950 Town Reports available on request at the price of $1.00 per copy (cost of printing) to those who wish them. Address your request to the Chairman, Board of Selectmen.

About Assessing:—

In the near future you will receive your Inventory of Property blank, which when properly filled out, you will please return to your Board of Selectmen on or before April 15th. You are required, **by law**, to fill out this inventory blank and have it in the hands of your selectmen **not later** than April 15th.

We regret to report that several property owners have not been very co-operative in this matter. If you will read the "law" pertaining to the subject—printed on the back page of this form—you will realize that neglect on your part is not a financially wise practice.

As most of the town property owners may know, Messrs. Coyne, Kivimaki, and Valyou are working on the compilation of a Property Map of our Town.

This map will be most valuable to the town for assessing purposes, as well as making available to you a

graphic description of your property. Most everyone has been very co-operative. However, there are yet a few property owners who have not sent in the information required by this Committee.

Be it known that this Committee is functioning without funds, and is producing a job that has cost other towns thousands of dollars to accomplish. We are fortunate to have a staff of local townspeople, who are civic-minded enough to contribute their time, knowledge and effort to this project. Should we not give them our fullest co-operation?

If you haven't already done so, will you please forward the information concerning the boundaries of your property to Mr. Carl V. Valyou, at your earliest convenience?

Miscellany:—

If you are between the ages of 21 and under 70 years, and a legal resident of the State of New Hampshire, you are eligible to pay a State Head Tax. Whether you received a bill for it, or not. As you will learn when you renew your auto, sport, or driving license. This is a reminder.

Did you know that through the medium of the Monadnock Region Association you may obtain state-wide, as well as nation-wide publicity of whatever Arts, Crafts, or Tourists Accommodations that you may have to offer to the public? If you will write to Mr. Daniel Eneguess, Executive Secretary, Monadnock Region Association, Historical Building, Peterborough, New Hampshire—and enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope—he will provide you with necessary information for obtaining this free publicity.

The latest in New Hampshire Publications is the "New Hampshire Profile" ("The Picture Magazine of New Hampshire"). You will find it profoundly interesting reading. It is published at Portsmouth, N. H.

Again we are indebted to Mr. Toivo Kivimaki for his able assistance in the preparation of this year's Town Report.

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

PROPERTY & POLL TAXES: LEVY OF 1951

Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$17,713.92	
Poll Taxes	302.00	
Total Warrant		$18,015.92
Added Taxes:		
Poll Taxes	10.00	
Interest collected	2.26	
Total Debits		18,028.18
Remittance to Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	15,233.88	
Poll Taxes	264.00	
Interest	2.26	
Discount allowed	226.70	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's list:		
Property Taxes	2,253.34	
Poll Taxes	32.00	
Abatements:		
Poll Taxes	16.00	
Total Credits		18,028,18

TIMBER TAX: LEVY OF 1951

Taxes committed to Collector (Yield Tax)	256.42	
		256.42

Remittance to Treasurer (Yield Tax)	202.98	
Uncollected Yield Taxes	53.44	
		256.42

STATE HEAD TAXES: LEVY OF 1951

State Head Taxes committed to Collector:

Original Warrant	930.00	
Added Taxes	35.00	
Total Committments	965.00	
Penalties collected	5.50	
Total Debits		970.50

Remittances to Treasurer:

Head Taxes	770.00	
Penalties	5.50	
	775.50	
Abatements	55.00	
Uncollected Head Taxes as per Collector's list	140.00	
Total Credits		970.50

LEVY OF 1950

Uncollected Taxes as of January 1, 1951:

Property Taxes	2,357.20
Poll Taxes	56.00
Added Property Tax	3.02
Added Poll Taxes	2.00

Interest Collected during fiscal year	64.86	
Costs Collected during fiscal year	60.49	
Yield Tax	1.00	
Total Debit		2,544.57

Remittance to Treasurer during fiscal year Ending December 31, 1951:

Property Taxes	2,307.22	
Poll Taxes	48.00	
Interest Collected	64.86	
Costs	60.49	
Abatements:		
Property Taxes	54.00	
Poll Taxes	4.00	
Uncollected Taxes as per Collector's list:		
Poll Taxes	6.00	
		2,544.57

TAX SALES REDEEMED

LEVY OF 1950

Levy	Redeemed By	Property	Interest	Fee	Total
1948	E. C. Fessenden	$ 5.84	$ .94	$ .25	$ 7.03
1947	Raymond Akerman	6.67	1.37	.25	
1948	Raymond Akerman	9.60	1.25	.25	
1949	Raymond Akerman	8.70	.41	.25	$ 28.75
1949	Charles Abbot	87.69	7.43	.50	$ 95.62

1950	Guy F. Washburn	122.50	.82	.25	
	Guy F. Washburn	3.52	.03	.25	
					$127.37
1949	Katherine Rush (Added Poll Tax)	2.00	.20		
					$ 2.20
	Total Amount of Taxes Redeemed				260.97

UNCOLLECTED HEAD TAXES

(Penalty .50 after Dec. 1, 1951)

*Paid February 1st, 1952

LEVY OF 1951

Madeleine Anderson	$5.00	Vito Palumbo	5.00
Edwin Doucette	5.00	Helen Palumbo	5.00
Nellie Doucette	5.00	Robert Rossley	5.00
Edward K. Eastman	5.00	Ferne Rines	5.00
Marion E. Eastman	5.00	Mildred Ruckstuhl	5.00
James Graham	5.00	Charles Ruckstuhl	5.00
May Graham	5.00	Richard Spear	5.00
Alice Graham	5.00	Kester Surdam	5.00
Helen Graham	5.00	Lauri Wiik	5.00
John F. Gilson	5.00	Mrs. Kester Surdam	5.00
Marion Gilson	5.00	Joe Brundage	5.00
Elizabeth O. Jones	5.00	Caraline Nowlan	5.00
George Lord*	5.00	Charles Crathern	5.00
Hazel Lord*	5.00	Hilma Murto	5.00
Total Head Taxes Uncollected			$140.00

UNPAID POLL TAXES FOR 1949

(Plus Interest from December 1, 1949)

Kester Surdam	$2.00	Mrs. Kester Surdam	$2.00

UNPAID POLL TAXES FOR 1950

(Plus Interest from December 1, 1950)

Kester Surdam	$2.00	Mrs. Ferne Rines	$2.00
Mrs. Kester Surdam	$2.00		

UNPAID POLL TAXES FOR 1951

(Plus Interest from December 1, 1951)

Madeleine Anderson	$2.00	Mrs. Ferne Rines	$2.00
June Gibbons	2.00	Charles E. Ruckstuhl	2.00
Ralph Haley*	2.00	Muriel Ruckstuhl	2.00
George O. Lord*	2.00	Kester Surdam	2.00
Hazel Lord*	2.00	Mrs. Kester Surdam	2.00
A. W. Murto, Sr.	2.00	Guy F. Washburn	2.00
Vito G. Palumbo	2.00	Adelphia Washburn	2.00
Helen M. Palumbo	2.00	Marion Eastman	2.00
Total			$32.00

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1951

(Plus Interest from December 1, 1951)

Resident

C. W. Anderson	$ 91.88
C. W. and Madeleine Anderson	132.92
James Bell	49.08
Edwin & Nellie Doucette	45.89
Orvan Elliott	33.92
Edward and Marion Eastman	59.51
James and June Gibbons	79.17
James Graham	44.46
John and Marion Gilson	132.53
Ralph Haley	18.00
Eino Helstein	197.33*
George O. and George A. Lord	36.02

Oiva and Helvi Murto	56.57	
Vito G. Palumbo	23.94	
Robert Rossley	58.14	
Charles and Muriel Ruckstuhl	5.70	
Harry Spear	75.53	
Alfred and Margaret Spear	35.63	
Douglas Stuart	19.95	
Robert R. Trempe	61.56	
Harry Williams	68.40	
G. Porter Washburn	7.98	
Guy F. Washburn	121.98	
Rhea J. Williams	238.89	
Arthur Williams Heirs	3.77	
Total		$1,698.75

*) Paid since January 1st, 1952

UNCOLLECTED TAXES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1951

(Plus interest from December 1, 1951)

Non-Resident

Charles M. Abbot	$54.72
Morgan and Alice Baxter	62.70
Francis Boucher	9.12
Nellie Blanch	5.70
William Cavanaugh	2.96
L. W. Clement Heirs	15.96
Stephen D. Coffey	7.75
Alfred Chouinard	6.16
Arthur B. Davis	37.05
E. C. Fessenden	1.82
Edwin Farnsworth Heirs	4.56
Clifford L. Gladdu	3.42
Hartwell Heirs	10.26
Florence Hartwell	62.70
J. B. P. C. Hill Heirs	17.78

Annie Scripture Hill Heirs	22.80	
Charles S. King	13.68	
Lewis Murphy	14.25	
Harold J. Morse	4.33	
George P. Nichols	4.56*	
Lunnie Parker	18.24	
H. B. Pfeiffer	28.50*	
Delbert Porter Heirs	2.74	
Houghton Priest	6.84	
Henry A. Racine	4.10	
Kenneth Robichaud	12.54	
Paul Richenburg	15.50	
Fred R. Ramsey	15.04	
John Somero	1.37	
Patrick Tighe Heirs	62.70	
J. P. Thompson Heirs	2.51	
Richard and Katherine Walsh	.57	
Eva E. Wright Heirs	9.12	
Grace Wright	12.54	
Total		$554.59

*) Paid since January 1, 1952

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand January 1, 1951			$3,205.90

RECEIPTS FOR 1951

Town Clerk:			
Auto Permits		$ 949.04	
Dog Permits		147.00	
Filing Fees		2.50	
			$ 1,098.54
Selectmen:			
Rent of Town Hall:			
Grange		50.00	
Beck-Elliott-Brown Post, V.F.W.		25.00	
Robert R. Trempe		3.00	
Rent of Bull-Dozer		192.50	
Sale of Town Map		1.00	
Sale of Book-Case		25.00	
Perpetual Care of Cemetery Lots:			
Adams lot	$100.00		
Amsden lot	200.00		
Scripture lot	200.00		
		500.00	
Town Report		1.00	
Insurance Refund		49.21	
Timber Tax Bonds		95.00	

Worcester Polytechnic Institute:		
Boynton Memorial Decoration	3.00	
		944.71
Temporary Loans		2,000.00
State of New Hampshire:		
Forest Fire Reimbursements	31.09	
Public Forest Land Reimbursements	56.28	
Timber Tax Reimbursement (For the year 1950)	2,248.67	
*Recovery Old Age Assistance	59.61	
Class V Roads (State Aid)	2,652.60	
Interest and Dividend Tax	722.00	
Savings Bank Tax	143.96	
Railroad Tax	185.36	
Bounty Reimbursement	11.25	
Reimbursement a/c 186 Head Taxes @ .02	3.72	
Forest Fire Training Reimbursement	11.08	
		6,125.62

*) Received upon settlement Jennie Davis Estate

Tax Collector:		
1949 Taxes	2.20	
1950 Taxes	2,480.57	
1951 Taxes	15,500.14	
Tax Sales Redeemed	258.77	
Timber Severance Tax	202.98	
Head Tax—(To be sent To State Treasurer)	775.50	
		19,220.16
Total Receipts during 1951		$28,389.03

Total Receipts, plus Cash on hand January 1st, 1951	$32,594.93
Payments, Selectmen's Orders	25,121.66
Cash on Hand January 1, 1952	$ 7,473.27

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY BLAKE WHITAKER,

Treasurer

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries

Carl V. Valyou, Selectman 240 hrs. @ $1.10	264.00	
Frederick M. Gibbs, Selectman 150 hrs. @ $1.10	165.00	
Robert R. Trempe, Selectman 386 hrs. @ $1.10	424.60	
Dorothy B. Whitaker Clerk and Treasurer	200.00	
Herman O. Schulze Tax Collector (1950)	150.00	
Conray G. Wharf,, Chairman and Treasurer Trustees of Trust Funds	20.00	
		$ 1,223.60

Town Officers' Expenses

Carl V. Valyou		
Telephone	3.25	
Mileage	4.00	

Assessors' Meeting	10.15	
Road Meeting	10.80	
	$	28.20

Robert R. Trempe

Telephone	1.30	
Calendar Pad	1.70	
Stamps	18.00	
Stationery	.80	
Mileage	4.00	
Assessors' Meeting	9.80	
Road Meeting	9.95	
	$	45.55

Frederick M. Gibbs

Printed Letterheads (1000)	7.75	
Plain Postal Cards (250)	2.50	
Printed Cards (Town Map Survey)	1.25	
Printed Fire Notices & Invoices	5.75	
Assessors' Meeting	10.05	
Mileage	2.40	
Road Meeting	9.95	
	$	39.65

Toivo K. Kivimaki

Auditing Town Books	34.10	
	$	34.10

Dorothy B. Whitaker

Stamps	6.00	
	$	6.00

Herman O. Schulze

Stamps	13.50	
Registered Mail	5.57	

Assessors Meeting (incl. mileage)	18.30	
Tax Col's. Meeting (incl. mileage)	28.60	
	$	65.97

Alice K. Trempe

Copying 1950 Permanent Records	13.20	
Copying 1951 Permanent Records	15.40	
	$	28.60

Donat Corriveau, registering deeds

and mortgages	9.71	
Adv. Tax Sale and Fees	12.00	
	$	21.71

Townsend Times-Free Press

1950 Town Reports and envelopes	$304.40	
1951 Town Ballots and notices	16.00	
	$	320.40

T. A. Eaton, Agency

Town Officers' Bonds	28.00	
	$	28.00

U. S. Auto and Truck Guide	6.00
Greenville Post-Master (stamps)	4.32
Edson C. Eastman Co.,	
Stationery and Forms	47.42
Hillsborough County Registry of Probate	
Furnishing 3 names	.30
N. H. Secy of State, Engrossing	1.00
N. H. Tax Col. Ass'n. 1951 dues	3.00
Sargent Bros. Printing Tax Bills	11.20
N. H. Town Clerks' Assn. 1951 dues	2.00
Brown & Saltmarsh Co.,	
Tax Sales Forms	.56
N. H. Police Chiefs' Assn. 1951 dues	1.00

Mason Village Savings Bank, Box Rent	3.60	
	$	80.40
T. O. Exp.	$	698.58

Election and Registration:

Alice B. Dimock, Supervisor	6.50	
Harold C. Miller, Supervisor	4.00	
Guy F. Washburn, Supervisor	4.00	
	$	14.50

Town Hall and Town Buildings:

Carl V. Valyou, 1 cord fire wood	18.00	
Greenville Elec. Lt. Co.	54.08	
T. A. Eaton Agency, Insurance	250.00	
H. Forrest, Electric Fan	8.95	
Johnson-Fair Co., Inc., Steel Filing Cabinets	30.00	
R. R. Trempe, Frt. on Filing Cabinets	2.00	
Derby & Little Co., Lighting tubes and locks	3.88	
Carl V. Valyou, cording wood in shed	1.00	
Clark & Somoro, Painting interior of Town Hall	250.00	
Conray G. Wharff, Janitor	46.00	
William Doonan, 1 cord fire wood	19.00	
	$	682.91

Fire Department:

Carl V. Valyou, Fire Warden's Meetings	4.00	
James Bell, Deputy Fire Warden's Meetings	15.75	
Carl V. Valyou, Posting Forest Lands	4.40	
N. H. State Forestry Dept., Water Pumps (Fire)	36.90	

Carl Valyou, Freight on Fire Pumps		2.08	
Carl V. Valyou, telephone		.40	
James Bell, Helstein fire	$ 5.00		
E. Doucette, Helstein fire	5.00		
Townsend Fire Chief, Helstein fire	55.00		
		65.00	
			$ 128.53

Police Department:

Carl V. Valyou, Salary		25.00	
Irving Spear, Police Duty		4.00	
Carl V. Valyou, Police Duty		15.90	
Carl V. Valyou, telephone		6.90	
Jewett Plane Crash:			
Carl V. Valyou, Police Duty	$58.00		
M. Whittier, Police Duty	2.00		
C. G. Wharff, Police Duty	8.00		
I. Spear, Police Duty	8.00		
R. Spear, Police Duty	8.00		
W. Barnes, Police Duty	12.00		
E. Helstein, Police Duty	25.00		
J. Bell, Police Duty	30.00		
R. Howard, Police Duty	8.00		
		$ 159.00	
			$ 210.80

Bounties:

C. Valyou	$1.75		
C. Minot	4.50		
Donald Bates	.25		
Roger Trempe	1.50		
D. Stuart, Jr.	.75		
Winfred Whitaker	.75		
		$	9.50

Dog License Expense:

Wheeler & Clark, dog tags	$5.00		
postage	.15		
Town Clerk, fees	12.60		
		$	17.75

Workmen's Insurance:

T. A. Eaton, Agency	$218.27		
		$	218.27

Vital Statistics:

Dorothy B. Whitaker, general fees	$11.00		
Dr. C. Cayward, reporting 1 birth	.25		
Rev. E. Rebman, reporting 3 marriages	.75		
Rev. Wm. E. Steckle, reporting 1 marriage	.25		
Rev. L. Parenteau, reporting 1 marriage	.25		
Dr. O. Burns, reporting 5 deaths	1.25		
		$	13.75

Town Road Aid:

		$	592.09

Summer Roads:

Including State Aid to Roads	$ 4,628.96

Winter Roads:

Snow Removal and Sanding	$ 1,751.50

General Expense of Highway Department:

Greenville Auto, Repairs, Snow Plow	$ 6.31	
Carl V. Valyou, Repairs, Snow Plow	13.90	
T. A. Eaton Agency, Tractor Ins. 1951	98.78	
T. A. Eaton Agency, Tractor Ins. 1952	101.07	
Sears Roebuck Co., Tractor Battery Charger	13.61	
R. C. Hazelton Co., Oil Filters for Tractor	8.15	
Overhauling Tractor	81.61	
Laitala's Garage, Snow Plow Repairs	48.79	
R. F. Powell Hdwre. Store, Road Tools	7.90	
Toivo K. Kivimaki, Rep. Road Hone	10.00	
Clyde Eaton, Moving Tractor	30.00	
F. M. Gibbs, Painting RR. X-ing Signs	4.80	
Laurel Park Service Sta., Grease for Tractor	6.43	
Irving Spear, Milling Bridge Timbers	23.00	
		$ 454.35
Water Line From School to Town Hall	$148.93	
		$ 148.93

Street Lighting:

Greenville Electric Light Company	$126.00	
		$ 126.00

Old Age Assistance:

N. H. State Department of Public Welfare	$540.07	
		$ 540.07

Memorial Day:

V. F. W. Beck-Elliot-Brown Post	25.00	
Donation from Worcester Polytechnic Inst. for decorating the Boynton Memorial, paid to Lillian Valyou	3.00	
		$ 28.00

Parks and Playgrounds:

Carl V. Valyou, Mowing	3.00	
Curtis V. Dunn, Mowing	3.00	
Conray G. Wharff, Mowing	16.87	
Ed. Elliott, Grading	40.00	
		$ 62.87

Cemeteries:

Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Perpetual Care Adams lot*	100.00	
Perpetual Care, Amsden lot	200.00	
		$ 300.00

(*To bring Perpetual Care fund to $200.00)

Roger Trempe, Mowing	56.00	
Conray G. Wharff, Mowing	18.00	

Orvan Elliot, Mowing	7.00	
F. Newell, Mowing	10.00	
A. Spear, Mowing	8.00	
Robert Dresser, Mowing	60.00	
C. V. Dunn, Mowing	9.00	
Ace Constructing Co. (Premix)	30.00	
	$	198.00

Regional Association:

Monadnock Region Association	30.00	
	$	30.00

Taxes Bought by Town:

	372.83	
	$	372.83

New Equipment:

Power Road Sander	425.00	
	$	425.00

Interest:

Wilton National Bank, interest on temp. loan	16.90	
Wilton National Bank, interest on tractor note	71.80	
	$	88.70

Temporary Loans:

Wilton National Bank	2,000.00	
	$	2,000.00

Long Term Notes:

Wilton National Bank, tractor note	1,000.00	
	$	1,000.00

County Tax:

County Treasurer, 1951 tax	2,089.89	
		$ 2,089.89

School District:

Mildred Wharff, District Treas.		
1950-51 appropriation balance	2,640.28	
1950 Special appropriation for 1950-51	158.00	
1951-52 appropriation	4,000.00	
		$ 6,798.28

Fees:

Tax Collector, head tax	15.20	
Town Clerk, auto permits	92.50	
		$ 107.70

Library:

Gertrude Houghton, Treas. (Paid after January 1, 1952)

Town Dump:

Town of Greenville, use of dump (Paid after January 1, 1952)

Bull Dozer Rental:

(Receipts $192.50)		
Operator	30.00	
Transportation	30.00	
		$ 60.00

Unclassified:

Refunds (timber tax bond returned)		
		$ 100.30

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

Summary of Work Accomplished

Dragging:		
37 miles	$550.11	
Gravelling:		
1354 yds.	1,813.65	
Brush:		
25 miles	650.05	
Drainage:		
Culverts (68 ft. of pipe)	229.16	
Grading and Honing:		
37 miles	1,385.99	
		$ 4,628.96

Summer Roads:

Harold C. Miller, Grader, truck and labor	1,758.50
Rhea Williams, Truck, gas and oil	204.35
Eino Helstein, Truck, labor	601.20
Carl Valyou, Labor	195.00
Roy Elliott, Gravel	352.00
Alfred Spear, Labor	194.10
Frank Newell, Labor	60.00
Toivo Kivimaki, Gas	6.16
Loren Brown, Labor	30.00
Hume Pipe Co., Pipe	125.05
Earl Bullard, Truck	55.80

Edward Elliott, Shovel	160.00	
Arvi Somero, Truck	40.50	
Oscar Somero, Compressor, shovel	111.00	
Joseph Burton, Truck	32.40	
Robert Trempe, Jr., Labor	36.00	
Ellsworth Brown, Labor	300.00	
Richard Wilson, Mowing brush	126.00	
Robert Martin, Labor	240.80	
		$ 4,628.96

Winter Roads:

Harold C. Miller, Truck	558.50	
Rhea Williams, Truck	581.90	
Alfred Spear, Labor	208.00	
Ellsworth Brown, Labor	125.00	
Richard Lord, Labor	13.00	
Frank Newell, Labor	65.00	
Roy Elliott, Sand	98.10	
Irving Flagg, Labor	14.00	
Carl Valyou, Labor	8.00	
Eino Helstein, Labor	16.00	
Raymond Akerman, Labor	60.00	
John Kivimaki, Labor	4.00	
		$ 1,751.50

Respectfully Submitted,

HAROLD C. MILLER

REPORT OF TOWN TRUSTEES

January 1, 1951 to December 31, 1951

By C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Boynton Common School Fund

Receipts

1951

Jan. 2	—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, Interest	25.00	
Jan. 9	—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	74.34	
Apr. 4	—Keene Sav. Bank, Interest	51.33	
July 2	—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, Interest	25.00	
Oct. 2	—Keene Sav. Bank, Interest	61.59	
Dec. 19	—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	61.94	
			$ 299.20

Payments to

Mrs. Mildred Wharff, School District Treasurer

Jan. 2	—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, Interest	25.00	
Jan. 19	—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	74.34	
Apr. 4	—Keene Sav. Bank, Interest	51.33	
July 12	—Dartmouth Sav. Bank, Interest	25.00	
Oct. 2	—Keene Sav. Bank, Interest	61.59	
Dec. 19	—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	61.94	
			$ 299.20

Character of Investments

Dartmouth Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Keene Savings Bank	4,106.84	
Mason Village Savings Bank	4,956.23	
		$ 11,063.07

Stearns Common School Fund

Receipts

1951

Jan. 26—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	82.03	
Mar. 15—Government Bond, Interest	62.50	
Oct. 11—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	68.36	
Oct. 11—Government Bond, Interest	62.50	
	$	275.39

Payments to

Mrs. Mildred Wharff, School District Treasurer

Jan. 26—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	82.03	
Mar. 19—Government Bond, Interest	62.50	
Oct. 11—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	68.36	
Oct. 11—Government Bond	62.50	
	$	275.39

Character of Investments

Mason Village Savings Bank	5,469.36	
Government Bond	5,000.00	
	$	10,469.36

Cemetery Fund

1951

Oct. 11—Mason Vil. Sav. Bank, Interest	107.28	
	$	107.28

Payments to

C. G. Wharff, Treasurer Cemetery Trustees

Oct. 11	107.28	
	$	107.28

Character of Investments

Mason Village Savings Bank	4,164.33	
		$ 4,164.33

FRANCIS J. COYNE
HAROLD ELLIOTT
CONRAY G. WHARFF
Town Trustees

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

By C. G. Wharff, Treasurer

Receipts

1951			
Mar. 21	—Arvo Lehtonen, Lot. No. 12	25.00	
Sept. 4	—Curtis Dunn, Lot. No. 11	25.00	
Nov. 5	—Town Appropriations	200.00	
			$ 250.00

Payments

May 7	—Roger Trempe, P. V. and Pratts	56.00	
May 7	—C. G. Wharff, P. V. and Pratts	18.00	
May 7	—Orvan Elliott, Pratts	7.00	
May 7	—Frank Newell, Pole Hill	10.00	
May 7	—Alfred Spear, Pole Hill	10.00	
Aug. 13	—Robert Dresser, Mowing P. V.	60.00	
Sept. 22	—Curtis Dunn, Mowing P. H.	9.00	
Oct. 27	—Harold Miller, Repairs to entrance at Prospect Hill	20.00	
Nov. 5	—Ace Construction Co., Inc., Premix	30.00	
Nov. 5	—C. G. Wharff, Making out deeds and locating lots	10.00	
			$ 230.00
	Balance on hand		20.00
			$250.00

Perpetual Care

Receipts

Jan. 1	—Balance on hand	24.43

Mar. 26—From Selectmen, Wm. A. Adams Fund.	100.00		
June 20—From Selectmen, Charles Amsden Fund	200.00		
Oct. 11—Town Trustees	107.28		
		$	431.71

Payments

Mar. 27—Town Trustees, Wm. A. Adams Fund	100.00		
June 20—Town Trustees, Charles Amsden Fund	200.00		
Sept. 29—Harold Miller, Loam	10.00		
Oct. 22—Alfred Spear, Grading	5.00		
Dec. 15—C. G. Wharff, Mowing	73.00		
Clipping	23.00		
Grading	1.00		
		$	412.00
Balance on hand			19.71
		$	431.71

Cemetery Fund

Deposited Mason Village Savings Bank	10.48		
		$	10.48

CONRAY G. WHARFF

ALFRED SPEAR

FRANKLIN BOYLE

Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

As in the past, friends of the Library continued to send books and magazines. For these we are very grateful. Due to lack of space, it is impracticable to keep all of them on the shelves. Our aim is to keep as well balanced collection of books as is possible in such a small space.

The State Bookmobile continues to bring its services to our Library. This provides a turnover of books, especially for the children. This service is of great value to a small town.

We would appreciate it greatly, if the patrons of our Library would make known their preference in reading matter to us. It is your Library and we want to serve you.

C. W. ANDERSON

GERTRUDE F. HOUGHTON

LENA B. MILLER

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1951

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	27.42	
Town Appropriation	150.00	
Gifts	20.00	
	$	197.42

EXPENDITURES

Librarian	78.00	
Books	51.94	
Magazines	5.50	
Frank Newell (padlock and labor)	4.00	
Library supplies	14.85	
Wood	10.00	
	$	164.29
December 31, 1951 Balance on hand		33.13

Signed,

GERTRUDE F. HOUGHTON

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

The library reports a very successful year in its aim to serve our community. This school year has been a very busy one with an average of thirty-six books going out each day the library is open.

Our grownups are very loyal and the increase of children in school this past year has added to the busy circulation.

We have had many donors this year to add to our collection of books, with several magazines given us. If you would enjoy Popular Mechanics, Life, Newsweek and some state magazines such as New Hampshire, Kentucky and Arizona, we have them at your library.

Nature Magazine has been given for the school children and we subscribe to Children's Digest which has a variety of entertaining stories for small children.

Our State Library sends us the Bookmobile three times a year with about thirty-five books each time to add a variety for children from the lower grades through high school.

The library is your Free Town Library, to use for better and entertaining reading. We hope to meet you there.

We extend our sincere thanks to all who make our library such a good one.

Respectfully submitted,

THELMA W. MARTIN,
Librarian

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Cemeteries, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Library Trustees, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

(Signed)

TOIVO KIVIMAKI,

Auditor

Feb. 14, 1952

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Mason qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 14th day of March 1952, at 7:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see if the district will vote to ratify and confirm the Act of the Town Meeting held on March 11, 1952, amending the vote of said town meeting holden on September 17, 1856, relative to the "Boynton Common School Fund" and to act in conjunction with the Board of Select-

men in introducing at the next session of the General Court a bill to amend Chapter 1986, Sect. 2, Laws of 1857 relative to said Boynton Fund or take any action relating thereto.

9. To see if the school district will vote to adopt a plan for extending to employees of the school district the benefits of title II of the Federal Social Security Act (Old-Age and Survivor's Insurance) as authorized by Chapter 234 of the Laws of 1951 and to raise and appropriate the sum of $45.00 to defray the school district's share of the cost thereof.

10. If the foregoing article is adopted to see if the school district will authorize the School Board to execute on behalf of the school district the necessary agreement with the State of New Hampshire to carry into effect the plan and to see if the school district will designate the School District Treasurer as the officer to be responsible for the administration of the plan.

11. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimatd revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

Given under our hands at said Mason this 16th day of February 1952.

MARGARETTA VOORHEES
HARRY S. SLUMAN
HAROLD FORREST
School Board

A true copy of Warant—Attest:

MARGARETTA VOORHEES
HARRY S. SLUMAN
HAROLD FORREST
School Board

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator: Mr. Tracy Eaton	March 1952
Clerk: Miss Sybil M. Beatham	March 1952
Treasurer: Mrs. Mildred Wharff	June 1952
Auditor: Mr. Toivo Kivimaki	March 1952

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Miss Margaretta Voorhees, Chairman	March 1952
Mr. Harry Sluman, Secretary	March 1953
Mr. Harold Forrest	March 1954

SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Newell J. Paire

SCHOOL NURSE

Miss Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.

TEACHING STAFF FOR 1951-1952

Grammar: Mr. Daniel Hoyt

Primary: Miss Lilla Tuttle

Music: Miss Elsie Wheeler

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1951-52:

January 2, 1952 to February 15	7 weeks
February 25, 1952 to April 18	8 weeks
April 29, 1952 to June 13, 1952	7 weeks

Holiday: May 30

1952-53:

School opens Sept. 3, 1952—Closes 12:15 Nov. 26 —half session

School opens Dec. 1, 1952—Closes December 19

School opens Jan. 5, 1953—Closes February 20

School opens March 2, 1953—Closes April 17

School opens Apr. 28, 1953—Closes June 12

Holidays: Armistice Day Nov. 11, School closes 12:15—half session

Fast Day April 27

Memorial Day (a Saturday)

Teachers' Convention October 17

February vacation dates subject to change

Total number School weeks 37

Total number School days 180

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1951

SUMMARY

A. ADMINISTRATION:

1.	Salaries of District Officers	$115.00
2.	Superintendent's salary (local share)	166.00
3.	Tax for state wide supervision	108.00
4.	Salaries of other administrative personnel	86.00
5.	Supplies and expenses	78.59

B. INSTRUCTION:

6.	Teachers' Salaries	4,374.14
7.	Books and other instructional aids	287.49
8.	Scholars' Supplies	280.27
10.	Supplies and other expenses	16.20

C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:

11.	Salaries of janitors	220.00
12.	Fuel or heat	241.76
13.	Water, light, supplies and expenses	283.57

D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:

14.	Repairs and Replacements	17.55

E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:

15.	Health supervision	71.53
16.	Transportation	2,528.00
17.	Tuition	960.00
18.	Special activities and special funds	9.96
18a.	School Lunch	103.11

F. FIXED CHARGES:

19. Retirement	608.08	
20. Insurance, treas. bonds and expenses	90.00	
Total Current Expenses		$ 10,645.25

G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:

21. Lands and new buildings (renovating program)	3,964.33	
22. Additions and improvements to buildings	332.68	
23. New Equipment	140.39	
Total payments for all purposes		$ 15,082.65
Cash on hand at end of year 6/30/51		1,667.47
Grand total		$ 16,750.12

RECEIPTS

Federal Aid:	
National School Lunch	102.77
State Aid:	
Equalization and Emergency	3,465.57
Local Taxation:	
Current Appropriation	7,998.28
Other Sources:	
Money Borrowed	4,000.00
Trust Funds	564.33

Other sources	294.54	
Total Receipts from All Sources		$16,425.49
Cash on hand at beginning of year 7/1/50	324.63	
Grand Total		$ 16,750.12

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARETTA VOORHEES

HARRY SLUMAN

HAROLD C. FOREST

School Board

SPECIAL BUILDING ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

Water, Heat, Light at Schoolhouse. Town voted to spend $4000 for this purpose March 1950 Town Meeting. Gift of $91.00 presented by Miss Margaretta Voorhees to do additional work in the supply room.

Total Amount Available	$4,091.00

Seven Notes: 6 at $600 Townsend National Bank

1 at $400 Townsend National Bank

EXPENDITURES

6/12/50	Still River Artesian Well Co.	456.50	
6/20/50	Toivo Kivimaki, Labor	5.00	
6/20/50	Frank Newell, Labor	16.00	
6/24/50	Louis Schulze, Labor	16.00	
6/24/50	Frank Newell, Labor	4.00	
6/30/50	Frank Newell, Labor	16.00	
6/30/50	Louis Schulze, Labor	8.00	
	Total cost to June 30, 1950	$	521.50

Cost of Labor and Materials July 10, 1950

to June 30, 1951

7/10/50	Louis Schulze, Labor	8.00
7/10/50	Greenville Grain Co., Cement	9.20
7/14/50	Roy Elliott, Sand	2.70
7/14/50	Frank Newell, Labor	32.00
7/17/50	Louis Schulze, Labor	8.00

7/22/50	Blocks Inc., Cinder Blocks	48.02
7/22/50	Frank Newell, Labor	16.00
7/22/50	Greenville Grain Co., Cement	6.90
7/29/50	Louis Schulze, Labor	8.00
7/29/50	Frank Newell, Labor	28.00
7/29/50	Harry Sluman, Material	11.98
7/29/50	Conray Wharff, Labor and Material	15.36
8/7/50	Ernest Broderick, Plumbing	923.42
8/7/50	Frank Newell, Labor	36.00
8/13/50	Frank Newell, Labor	16.00
8/18/50	Harry Sluman, Electrical supplies	9.85
8/18/50	R. F. Powell, Locks	10.21
8/21/50	Frank Newell, Labor	24.00
8/21/50	Harry Sluman, Hardware	4.12
8/21/50	Harry Williams, Labor	66.50
8/22/50	Ernest Broderick, Heating Installation	1,575.00
9/6/50	United Farmers, Lumber	106.95
9/6/50	Stanley Pucko, Electrical Material and Labor	47.14
9/6/50	Blocks Inc., Cinder Blocks	27.00
9/6/50	Frank Newell, Labor	5.00
9/27/50	Greenville Grain Co., Cement	3.45
9/27/50	Harry Sluman, Electrical Supplies	4.74
10/11/50	Wilton Lumber Co., Lumber and Rock Wool	88.48
10/11/50	Ernest Broderick, Sump Pump and Fittings	74.78
10/20/50	Ernest Broderick, Balance of bill	34.80
11/1/50	Harry Sluman, Electrical supplies	5.00
11/10/50	Wilton Lumber Co., Window sash	70.99
11/10/50	Frank Newell, Labor	10.00
11/21/50	Harry Sluman, Electrical supplies	8.40

12/8/50	Ernest Broderick, Supplies and Labor	18.86	
12/19/50	Wilton Lumber Co., Storm Sash	53.88	
12/19/50	Harry Sluman, Hanger Material	3.00	
1/17/51	Wilton Lumber Co., Storm Sash	21.10	
			($3,442.83)
8/4/51	Frank Newell, Labor	16.00	
8/4/51	Robert Bates, Labor	9.00	
8/4/51	Donald Bates, Labor	10.00	
8/15/51	Robert Bates, Labor	4.50	
8/15/51	Donald Bates, Labor	2.50	
8/15/51	Edward Elliott, Power Shovel	24.00	
9/4/51	Wilton Plumbing Co., Charges	25.45	
9/4/51	Harry Sluman, Labor and Supplies	12.00	
9/20/51	Harry Sluman, Labor and Supplies	16.00	
11/1/51	Harry Sluman, Labor and Supplies	7.22	
	Total Expenditures		$ 4,091.00

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR THE YEAR 1952-53

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1952 and comparative analysis of expenditures.

	Expended 1950-51	Budgeted 1951-52	Estimated Budget 1952-53
A. ADMINISTRATION:			
1. Salaries of Dist. Officers	115.00	117.00	117.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share)	166.00	180.00	226.80
3. Tax for state wide supervision	108.00	110.00	100.00
4. Salaries of other adm'n. personnel	86.00	119.48	163.96
5. Supplies and expenses	78.59	12.00	12.00
B. INSTRUCTION:			
6. Teachers' Salaries	4,374.14	4,770.00	5,190.00
7. Textbooks and other instructional aids	287.49	221.00	161.00
8. Scholars' Supplies	280.27	235.00	279.10
10. Other Instructional Expenses	16.20	12.00	24.00
C. OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
11. Salary of Janitor	220.00	200.00	200.00
12. Fuel or Heat	241.76	200.00	250.00
13. Water, Light and other Expenses	283.57	144.00	111.00

D. MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT:			
14. Repairs and Replacements	17.55	185.00	115.00
E. AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES:			
15. Health Supervision	71.53	100.00	100.00
16. Transportation	2,528.00	2,520.00	2,795.00
17. Tuition—High School	960.00	1,700.00	2,625.00
18. Special Fund Activities	9.96	34.00	35.00
18a. School Lunch	103.11		
F. FIXED CHARGES:			
19. Teacher Retirement	608.08	292.00	318.00
20. Insurance, Bonds and Expenses	90.00	108.00	148.00
Total Current Expenses	$10,645.25	$11,259.48	$12,970.86
G. CAPITAL OUTLAY:			
21. Land and New Buildings	3,442.83		
22. Additions and Improvements	332.68	100.00	
23. New Equipment	140.39	35.00	15.00
H. DEBT, INTEREST:			
25. Payments on Principal		600.00	600.00
26. Payments of Interest		80.00	70.00
Total Amount Required to meet Sch. B'ds B'd'et	$14,561.15	$12,074.48	$13,655.86

Estimated Income of Dist.:	Actual	Estimated	Estimated
Balance on hand June 30, 1950	324.63	324.63	400.00
State Aid	3,465.57		
Other estim. income	4,961.64	500.00	500.00
Local Taxation	7,998.28		
Total Estimated Income		$824.63	$900.00
Grand Total	$16,750.12		
Total estim. Assessment required to cover Sch. B'd's b'd'et	$7,998.28	$11,249.85	$12,755.86

DETAILED STATEMENT OF DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1950—June 30, 1951

ADMINISTRATION

1. Salaries of School District Officers:		
Margaretta Voorhees, Sch. Bd. Mem.	$25.00	
Harry Sluman, Sec'y. Sch. Bd.	40.00	
Harold Forrest, Sch. B'd Mem.	25.00	
Mildred Wharff, Treasurer	25.00	
		$115.00
2. Superintendent's Salary (local share):		
Supervisory Union No. 63		$166.00
3. Tax for State Wide Supervision:		
State Treasurer		108.00
4. Salaries of Other Administrative Personnel:		
Supervisory Union No. 63		86.00
5. Supplies and Expenses		78.59

INSTRUCTION

6. Teachers' Salaries:		
Virginia Miller	$1,225.00	
Daniel R. Hoyt	660.00	
Lilla M. Tuttle	2,200.00	
Elsie Wheeler	200.00	
Thelma Martin	39.00	
Washington Nat'l. Ins. & Blue Cross	50.14	
		$4,374.14
7. Textbooks:		
Rand McNally Co.	50.74	

Allyn & Bacon	27.84	
L. W. Singer Co.	39.32	
Noble and Noble, Publishers	4.64	
Scott, Foresman and Co.	70.60	
Houghton-Mifflin Co.	22.46	
Row-Peterson Co.	8.73	
Beckley Cardy Co.	7.34	
American Book Company	32.51	
Ginn & Company	7.93	
O. H. Toothaker Co.	7.00	
The MacMillan Co.	8.38	
		$287.49

8. Scholars' Supplies:

Ginn & Company	7.68
L. W. Singer Co.	20.33
Scott, Foresman Co.	47.84
Southwestern Transp. Co.	.57
Gledhill Brothers	1.53
Edward E. Babb Co.	8.70
J. L. Hammett Co.	8.76
Allyn & Bacon Co.	19.59
Houghton, Mifflin Co.	12.22
Rand, McNally Co.	.91
Estate of James P. Melzer	2.52
Row-Peterson Co.	2.42
Noble and Noble, Publishers	8.71
American Educational Press	15.50
John C. Winston Co.	2.20
Edward E. Babb Co.	20.30
Supervisory Union No. 63	9.08
Junior Scholastics	6.30
J. L. Hammett Co.	34.00
Continental Press	5.90
Henry S. Wolkins Co.	40.57

Silver Burdett Co.	4.64	
		$280.27
10. Other Instructional Expenses:		
Encyclopedia Brittanica, Inc.	2.95	
Scott, Foresman & Co.	3.08	
Philip Morris Co.	3.74	
Rice Film Co.	1.45	
Joslin Hardware Co.	1.49	
Supervisory Union No. 63	1.74	
Denoyer Geppert Co.	1.75	
		$16.20

OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT

11. Salary of Janitor:		
Frank Newell	200.00	
Extra Janitor Work	20.00	
		$220.00
12. Fuel:	241.76	241.76
13. Water, Light and Other Expenses:		
Greenville Electric Light Co.	70.92	
Greenville Electric Light Co. repairs	32.41	
Pioneer Mfg. Co.	4.10	
Edward E. Babb Co.	19.25	
Central Paper Products Co.	10.80	
C. B. Dolge Co.	9.36	
Joslin Hardware Co.	1.50	
D. F. Munroe Company	87.18	
Southwestern N. H. Transp. Co.	5.55	
Mainco Trading Co.	31.00	
J. I. Holcomb Mfg. Co.	11.50	
		$283.57

MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT

14. Repairs and Replacements:		
Sybil Beatham	3.00	
Harry Baker	5.35	
C. G. Wharff	9.20	
		$17.55

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES

15. Health Supervision:		
Harlan E. Karr, M. D.	20.00	
Sybil M. Beatham, R. N.	48.80	
Beckley-Cardy Company	1.95	
Laconia Laboratories	.78	
		$71.53
16. Transportation:		
Alfred Spear	1,980.00	
Frank Newell	548.00	
		$2,528.00
17. Tuition:		
Town of Townsend, Mass.	560.00	
Appleton Academy	400.00	
		$960.00
18. Other Special Activities:		
Philip Morris Co.		9.96
18a. School Lunch:		
Mrs. John Goldsby		103.11

FIXED CHARGES

19. Teacher Retirement:		
New Hampshire State Teachers' Retirement Board		608.08

20. Insurance, Bonds and Expenses:		
T. A. Eaton Agency, Insurance	85.00	
T. A. Eaton Agency, Treasurer's bond	5.00	
		$90.00

CAPITAL OUTLAY

21. Lands and New Buildings:		
Renovating Program (see Special Accounting)		3,442.83
22. Additions and Improvements:		
William Somero, painting	290.00	
Harry Baker, paint	5.76	
C. G. Wharff, sheet rock	16.92	
Frank Newell, labor	20.00	
		$332.68
23. New Equipment:		
Miller, Lamb and Hunter	3.00	
J. L. Hammett Co.	11.38	
New Ipswich School District	24.00	
Beckley-Cardy Company	60.00	
Herbert G. Parker	33.25	
Seaman Supply Co.	8.76	
		$140.39
Total amount expended for all purposes		$14,561.15

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARETTA VOORHEES

HARRY SLUMAN

HAROLD FORREST

School Board.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Mason, N. H. of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951, and find them cast and properly vouched.

TOIVO KIVIMAKI,

Auditor.

July 10, 1951.

ANNUAL REPORT OF DISTRICT TREASURER

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1951

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1950		$324.63
Received from Selectmen:		
Current appropriation	$7,998.28	
Income from trust funds	564.33	
Received from State Treasurer	3,465.57	
Money borrowed	4,000.00	
Received from all other sources	397.31	
		$16,425.49
Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year		$16,750.12
Less School Board Orders Paid		15,082.65
Balance on hand as of June 30, 1951		$1,667.47

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED H. WHARFF,

June 30, 1951 District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1951 and find them correct in all respects.

TOIVO KIVIMAKI,

July 20, 1951 Auditor.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING

June 30, 1951

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	7	7	11						25
Grammar				5	4	4	4	3	20
									45

Attending Schools Elsewhere:

Appleton Academy	2
Townsend High School	4

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses Total	Tardinesses Per Pupil
Primary	23.33	21.12	90.52	29	1.16
Grammar	16.71	15.24	91.20	21	1.05

Visits:

By School Board	39
By Superintendent	79
By Citizens	21

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Three Consecutive Years: Hugh Williams

One Year: Robert Philibert, Donna Witty, Mary Doucette.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST 18 WEEKS 1951-52

Census: (Ages 1 day—18 yrs.) Boys 48; Girls 58. Total 106

Attending Mason Schools	54
Attending Appleton Academy	2
Attending Private Schools	2
Attending Fitch. High School	1
Attending Town. High School	7

ENROLLMENT BY GRADES

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Primary	11	6	9						26
Grammar				11	3	5	6	5	30
									56

ATTENDANCE

School	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance	Tardinesses
Primary	23.37	20.08	85.9	10
Grammar	29.04	25.60	88.06	23

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

It is difficult to sum up in a few paragraphs the work done by the School Nurse during the school year. It is almost impossible to state definitely the amount of time spent doing records, answering telephone calls at home, talking about school work with parents and neighbors, as well as the time spent writing letters to arrange for clinic visits, etc. This does not include the time actually spent in the school building conferring with teachers, examining children each month for evidence of communicable disease and assisting the doctor with the annual examination of each child.

I made eleven visits to the Mason School during the year 1951. The children were weighed at the beginning and end of the school year and most of them made a satisfactory gain in weight.

One child was taken to the Optometrist in Nashua for examination and glasses obtained to help correct strabismus (cross eye). The eyesight of all was checked by means of the Snellon chart. Three were found to have defective vision and reports were sent to the parents.

There were fourteen cases of Chicken Pox during February and March and two cases of German Measles. The children were again exposed to Measles in December, the end of which is not yet known.

The chief cause of concern is the inability of the group to eradicate pediculosis. Dusting the hair with D. D. T. powder frequently at school does not stop this nuisance. The need for personal clealiness was stressed by the nurse throughout the year.

Due to my illness I was prevented from testing the

children's hearing during the winter. I'm striving to do so this year.

Defects found by Dr. Karr:

Defective teeth	27
Defective tonsils	18
Enlarged glands	3
Acne	3
Eczema	1
Impetigo	1

Respectfully submitted,

SYBIL M. BEATHAM, R. N.

School Nurse.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my fifth annual report as your Superintendent of Schools.

INSTRUCTION

I am pleased to report that high standards of instruction are being maintained in your school under the capable direction of Mr. Daniel Hoyt, Miss Lilla Tuttle and Miss Elsie Wheeler. Methods of instruction are being kept up to date with emphasis being placed upon the individual learning abilities of each child.

The Guidance Program initiated last year, provides each child with a folder in which a record of his achievement test results, difficulties, etc. are kept. These records reveal the mental and physical growth of each child and directs the teaching activities in the path which will be most profitable to the child.

A complete testing program is given to all pupils in grades one through eight. In grade one each child receives a Metropolitan Reading Readiness Test which measures the maturity of the individual and reveals to the teacher the probable grouping necessary to carry on efficient instruction. They also are given the S. R. A. Primary Mental Abilities Test which indicates the innate ability of the child to succeed in school work. These tests are given also to grades three, six and eight. All grades are given a Metropolitan Achievement Test in May. An analysis of the results of these tests reveals to the teachers the strengths and weaknesses of individuals and also of the educational program. Throughout the year standardized

tests in reading are given as the pupils complete various phases of the reading program. Of particular importance are the Weekly Reader Tests given in October, January, and May. These measure the growth in reading ability in these periods. All results are recorded on a Cumulative Record Card which accompanies the pupils as he moves from grade to grade.

All teachers in Supervisory Union No. 63 attended a two-day Workshop in Wilton, New Hampshire. The theme of the Workshop was "Improving the Techniques of Teaching with Audio-Visual Aids." These aids train the child to learn by seeing, listening, speaking and doing. Experience has shown that they are an invaluable aid to the child who has a reading difficulty.

HEALTH SUPERVISION

The health program in our school is supervised by Dr. Harlan Karr, and Miss Sybil Beatham, R. N., School Nurse. Every child receives a physical examination, a vision test, and an auditory test each year in addition to the monthly check-up by the school nurse. Parents are informed when any irregularities exist and they have been most cooperative. Certain communicable diseases are difficult to control once they get started. Every effort is made to obtain professional advice to guide the actions of the school officials. For details of the work of the school nurse I refer you to the School Nurse Report.

IMPROVEMENTS TO GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

This past summer saw the completion of a project of improvement and renovation in our school building that has been going on for the past two years. The exterior was painted for the first time in many years and the hallways and entrances re-painted.

The school grounds have taken on a new appearance

due largely to the efforts of your school board, assisted by interested townspeople and the school children. The Grange is to be especially commended for providing the playground area in the rear of the building.

The children are proud of their school and this has been evidenced on numerous occasions by their desire to keep the interior and exterior clean and attractive.

We propose to complete the landscaping on the East side of the building, as well as in the front, this spring and summer.

TRANSPORTATION

The routes will operate essentially the same next year as this, dependent of course upon the number of pupils to be transported.

STATE AID

According to the present State Aid Formula Mason will not be eligible to receive any State Aid. This situation will continue to exist until such time as the State Aid Formula is re-written, the number of pupils increase decidedly or the adjusted valuation is decreased.

FINANCE

An analysis of the School Board's Budget reveals an increase of $1,581.38. This increase is reflected largely in the following items: Tuition $925.00; Teachers' Salaries $450.00 and Transportation $275.00

The tuitions are set by the receiving districts and a charge equal to the State Average may be assessed. The State Average per pupil cost for 1950-51 was $271.75 for secondary school pupils. Appleton Academy's assessment next year will be $250.00. The tuition fee at Townsend

and Fitchburg has not been set but it is assumed it will approach the figure stated above.

CONCLUSION

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Mason School Board and parents and friends of the Mason School, who have assisted me and the teachers, in developing an educational program which is fundamental to our needs and is developing our children in the manner which we would like to have them grow.

NEWELL J. PAIRE,

Superintendent of Schools.

REPORT OF THE FOREST FIRE WARDEN

We are most proud of our enviable forest fire record for the year 1951.

No. fires	none
Acreage burned	none
No. Fire Permits issued	46

This record could not have been accomplished without the 100 percent co-operation of all the townspeople.

(Signed) CARL V. VALYOU,

Fire Warden.

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

The Town of Mason has some beautiful shade trees along its highways, among them are some beautiful elm trees, and the townspeople would be justified in keeping these pruned out, and sprayed annually.

This will not guarantee freedom of Dutch Elm Disease, but at least it will greatly reduce the chances of losing the fine old elms which we now have.

I would deem it my duty to examine the trees on any private land, and obtain specimens for the New Hampshire State Entomologist at the request of the land owners.

I am fully equipped to take care of this work, and any removal work that may be required.

(Signed) Richard Lord,

Tree Warden.

REPORT OF OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

It was a beautiful day.

The 1951 Old Home Day's Sports activities were very well attended, and very ably handled by the Sports committee. The "little tots" program was particularly entertaining to both the youngsters and the grown ups, with many of the latter group expressing the desire to "join in" if . . . (Ladies, next year leave the "if" at home; let your hair down, and "join in." I'm sure that the "little tots" won't mind, and THIS I "gotta" see.)

The American Legion Post Band of Fitchburg, under the direction of George Talcott, provided a Band Concert which was enthusiastically received by everyone.

The baseball game was won either by the Single men, or the Married men. The final score was anyone's guess. I can make the statement — without fear of contradiction —that this was positively NOT a "fixed" game. We know only that everyone enjoyed the game; the participants were a "game" lot, with "Jeannie Barnes" being voted the best man on both teams.

The supper, sponsored by the local P. T. A. was up to its usual fine standard, in spite of the stifling heat, and the "dive-bombing and straffing" activities of the hornets in the Town Hall Dining Loft.

Mr. Russell Tobey, Director of the State Department of Recreation, gave us a very interesting talk about the activities of his department, as well as some very enlightning and entertaining historical data about our own town.

During the early summer days — prior to Old Home Day — your committee obtained some 16 mm. color film and we were fortunate in having Mr. C. W. Anderson take pictures of scenic points in our town. These "shots", together with several rolls of film borrowed from the Monadnock Region Association Library contributed to give us a very interesting showing of the Scenic Beauty of our Home Town and State.

We were very fortunate in obtaining the services of the Leominster Chapter of the S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. (The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America) who gave us a Barber Shop Quartet Parade. This proved most entertaining to everyone. We were also priveleged to hear a group of Violin Selections by Mrs. Frances Ruggierrio, accompanied by Mr. Archibald Eaton at the piano, which provided a well rounded program of evening entertainment.

Your Old Home Day Committee wish to extend their sincere thanks to the many people who gave of their time and effort toward making this day a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT R. TREMPE, Chairman.

SIBYL BEATHAM, Sec'y-Treas.

VITAL STATISTICS

January 1, 1951 to January 1, 1952

BIRTHS

Mar. 14 Beatrice Elaine Lord; George Oliver Lord, Hazel Belle Clary

May 8 Kathleen Grace Gilson; Walter John Gilson, Shirlie Louise Winch

June 4 John Irving Spear; Irving Milton Spear, Marion Rachel Brundige

June 17 Valerie May Witty; Donald Meryl Witty, Madeline May Valyou

Oct. 23 Diane Marie Schlemmer; Albert E. Schlemmer, Lillian Phillips

Oct. 28 Sharon Ann Forrest; Harold Clinton Forrest, Hulda Ottilia Kivela

Nov. 5 Theodore Roy Smith; Theodore Roosevelt Smith, Violet Alice Rollins

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MARRIAGES

May 19 Arthur James Rafter and Virginia Miller
by Rev. Edward A. Rebmann, Clergyman,
Mason, N. H.

June 29 James Bell and Mabel Adams Grady
by Rev. Edward A. Rebmann, Clergyman,
Greenville, N. H.

Oct. 13 James Heikkinen and Hilma Lyyli Halbedel
by William E. Steckel, Clergyman, Mason, N. H.

Oct. 20 Roger Lincoln Trempe and Lea Marie Fortin
by Rev. Lionel Parenteau, Roman Catholic Priest, Greenville, N. H.

Oct. 24 Charles Frank Hill Crathern and Elsa Roeder Polhemus
by Rev. Edward A. Rebmann, Clergyman, Mason, N. H.

DEATHS

Mar. 17 Elvi Heikkinen, 60 years, 0 months, 28 days

Mar. 24 Audrey Chapman, 35 years, 0 months, 8 days

Apr. 26 William Butler, 91 years

July 16 Emma Maude Osgood, 71 years

July 18 Dwight Leverett Dimock, 58 years

July 28 Edward Joseph Redmond, 52 yrs, 9 mon. 20 days

July 28 Delmar Martin Jewett, Sr., 80 yrs, 7 mon., 23 days

July 28 Delmar Martin Jewett, Jr., 41 yrs, 9 mon., 8 days

July 28 Hollis David Billings, 50 yrs, 3 months, 3 days

Nov. 23 Bertha Henrietta Newell, 82 years.

Action Taken on Articles in the Warrant at Town Meeting, March 13, 1951

Article 2: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $9,856.80 to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, as follows:

Town Officers Salaries	$1,500.00
Town Officers Expenses	700.00
Election and Registration Expenses	50.00
Expenses Town Hall, etc.	700.00
Police Department	100.00
Fire Department	150.00
Vital Statistics	10.00
Town Dump	75.00
Winter Roads	2,000.00
General Expense of Highway Department	500.00
Town Poor	150.00
Old Age Assistance	500.00
Aid to Soldiers and Their Families	500.00
Parks and Playgrounds	150.00
Interest on Temporary Loans	100.00
Interest on Long Term Loan	71.80
Payment on Principal (Long Term Note)	1,000.00
County Taxes	1,600.00

Article 3: Harold F. Elliott elected Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

Article 4: Franklin Boyle elected Trustee of Cemeteries for three years.

Article 5: Lena B. Miller elected Trustee of Mason public Library for three years.

Article 6: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $150.00 for Library purposes.

Article 7: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for repairs of highways and bridges.

Article 8: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $592.09 for Town Road Aid as per Article No. 8.

Article 9: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $200.00 for care of cemeteries.

Article 10: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $25.00 for Memorial Day purposes.

Article 11: Motion made and approved authorizing the Selectmen to borrow up to $10,000.00

Article 12: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $126.00 for street lighting.

Article 13: Motion made and approved to allow a discount of 2 percent.

Article 14: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $250.00 for insuring employees of the Town.

Article 15: Motion made and approved not to appropriate the sum of $400.00 for Blister Rust Control.

Article 16: Motion made and approved to accept this article as read.

Article 17: Motion made and approved to authorize the Selectmen to sell the 14 acre Carl Farrar lot. The Town to be reimbursed for all costs, taxes, etc. The Selectmen were instructed not to sell any other lot under this Article.

Article 18: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $150.00 to extend a water line from the School to the Town House.

Article 19: Motion made and approved to appropriate the sum of $30.00 for the Monadnock Region Association.

Article 20: Motion made and approved to observe Old Home Day in August. Robert R. Trempe appointed Chairman of the Committee. Balance in Old Home Day Fund to be made available to the Committee.

Article 21: Motion made and approved that the money reimbursed the Town by the State Department of Public Welfare be turned into Town Charges.

Article 22: Motion made and approved to purchase a sander. Said sander not to cost over $550.00

Article 23: Motion made and approved to accept the sum of $100.00 from Myrtle B. Adams.

Article 24: Motion made and approved to accept the sum of $200.00 from Esther A. Spaulding.

Article 25: Motion made and approved to increase the price of cemetery lots to $25.00 each.

Article 26: Article passed.

Article 27: Motion made and approved to adopt law as read, except for adding "out-door" after "cooking fire."

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